16-18, 2005, the issue of early release and repatriation of all the Indian fishermen along with their boats was taken up.

Provision of overloading to washeries

†*169. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether overloading is provided by S.E.C.L. in Chhattisgarh to two coal washeries;

(b) if so, whether these coal washeries use State highways for transportation;

(c) whether rules under Motor Vehicles Act are not being violated by providing such overloading; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by Coal India Limited, coal is loaded beyond the capacity of trucks in case of two coal washeries located in the lease-hold area of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Gevra area by one stroke loading facility.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The roads inside the mine leasehold area are constructed and maintained by SECL. For operational efficiency, trucks transporting coal to the washeries and sidings located inside the mine leasehold area are being allowed to carry quantity of coal more than the registered carrying capacity. The responsibility for any damage to the road and its safety lies with the company for which company is taking appropriate measures. Wheares, any loaded truck transporting coal outside the mine leasehold area where State Highways or National Highways are involved, in such cases, the load carried by the truck is restricted to their carrying capacity indicated in the Registration book under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act.

Demarcation of five points alongwith the LoC

*171. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has rejected the proposal on demarcation of five points alowngwith the LoC;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the reasons for rejecting the proposal by Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) During the Foreign Secretary level talks held in Islamabad in December 2004, India had proposed to Pakistan designating places at Poonch, Mendhar, Suchetgarh, Uri and Tangdhar along the International Border and LoC where relatives and divided families from both sides could come and meet.

During President Musharraf's visit to India in April 2004, Pakistan agreed to pursue further measures to enhance interaction and cooperation across the LoC, including agreed meeting points for divided families. Government has subsequently initiated action for early implementation of these measures.

Using postman as data collector

*175. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Postal Department was established 150 years ago, and at that time no one would have believed that by 21st century, besides distributing letters, postman would knock at your door to collect consumer data;

(b) if so, whether in that pilot project, postal department has collected a fairly comprehensive database of utilization of Fast Moving Consumable Goods (FMCG) products telecome services and using postman as data collectors;

(c) if so, by what time this scheme is likely to be introduced throughout the country;

(d) to what extent, it has been welcomed by all; and

(e) to what extent, data has so far been collected in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Postmen are occasionally utilized for activities in addition to delivery, as they have extensive